



Atty. Dkt. No. 079498-0146

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Glenn NARDONE

Title: MULTIFLUORESCENT HAIRPIN ENERGY TRANSFER  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

Appl. No.: 09/761,394

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, in which a response is due by April 11, 2003, applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-25 for prosecution on the merits. This election is with traverse because the claims can be searched without undue burden.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Although applicant believes that no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorize to charge any additional fees deemed necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

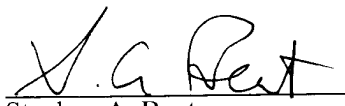
Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

April 10, 2003

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